(a) Whether it was decided at the Tourism Ministers Conference held at New Delhi on 5th August, 1995, that "Palace on Wheels" trains are to be introduced in various places;

(b) if so, whether this train is also being introduced in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) Whether his Ministry are considering introduction of tourist train in the South-Central Railway originating and terminating at Hyderabad; if so by when;

(d) Whether the A.P. State had also requested that Hyderabad should also be included the proposed trains orginating from Bangalore and via Madras, Kanyakumari, etc., and

(e) if so, the decision of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Conference was organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of India. The minutes of the conference and resolutions adopted as circulated by the Tourism do not indicate such decision.

(b) and (c) Upon a request received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for introduction of a tourist train originating and terminating at Hyderabad, it was conveyed by the Ministry of Railways that the proposal can be considered subject to the State Government agreeing to bear the capital cost of construction of the train, operational cost and sharing of revenues between the State Government and the railways in an agreed proportion as per extant instructions in force. The response of the State Government is awaited.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The request was examined and found not feasible.

Sanction of Angul-Manewar of Talcher-Sambalpur Railway Line in Orissa

*51. *mm* SAMJK&EN BISI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Revised Estimated cost for Angul-Manewar of Talcher-Sambalpur (Orissa) Line has been sanctioned:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target date for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Revised Estimate for construction of a new B.G. line between Talcher and Sambalpur received from Railway is under examination with the Technical Directorates of this Ministry. However, the same is not^yet sanctioned.

(b) The corrected revised estimate has been received on 30.5.96 from the Railway and is uner examination in this office.

(c) December, S997, subject to availability of resources in 1997-98.

Construction of over Bridge on 'Double Fatak' in Hissar.

*52. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'double fatak' in Hissar remains closed for 23 hrs. out cf 24 hrs., irrespective of whether the train is passing or not, causing avoidable harassment to the public in Hissar,

(b) whether Government have already asked the State Government for constructing an over bridge or an under bridge on this Fatak; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not starting the work thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) No, Sir."

(b) and (c) At the initiative of State Govt, works of construction of Road over/under bridges in replacement of level crossings are planned jointly by the Railways and State Govt, and considered for inclusion in Railways' Works Programme after completion of all preliminary pre-requisites by State Govt. In this case, planning and preliminaries are yet to be completed by the State Government.

मध्य प्रदेश में विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग की योजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन

*53. श्री दिलीप सिंह भूदेव: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग की कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं इस समय कार्यान्वित की जा रही हैं और इस संबंध में अब तक हुई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है;